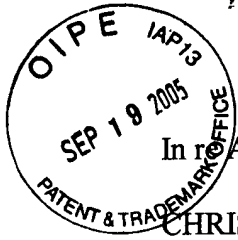


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

CHRISTIAN HARDY

Confirmation No. 9557

Examiner: Harold J. Hill

Serial No.: 09/986,641

Group Art Unit 2621

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: PROGRAMMABLE ADAPTER  
DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATION  
PROTOCOLS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination in response to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period having expired, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for two months. The fee for the first extension of time was paid on August 19, 2005. There is also attached our Check No. 400921 in the amount of \$1120.00 in payment for the Request for Continued Examination pursuant and two-month extension of time.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Parkhurst", is written over the firm name.

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